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Applicant: Howard R. Longbrake
Title: KNIFE SHARPENER APPARATUS
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial		Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
	A	4,170,343	10/1979	Longbrake			
	B	4,320,892	3/1982	Longbrake			
	C	4,441,279	4/1984	Storm et al.			
	D	4,471,951	9/1984	LeVine			
	E	4,486,982	12/1984	Longbrake			
	F	4,512,112	4/1985	LeVine			
	G	D278,237	4/1985	LeVine			
	H	D287,815	1/1987	Johannsen			
	I	4,731,953	3/1988	Owen			
	J	4,777,770	10/1988	LeVine			
	K	5,138,801	8/1992	LeVine			
	L	D335,621	5/1993	Moody			
	M	D363,202	10/1995	Ross			
	N	6,168,509	1/2001	Presgrove			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
	Q	Two-page flyer entitled "Grampa Ray's Adjustasharp", from Grampa Ray's, 16740 Indian Hollow Road, Grafton, Ohio 44044, dated prior to January 1991					
	R	Four-page brochure entitled "Ray's Sharpening Jigs", from LO-RAY Sharpeners, 16740 Indian Hollow Road, Grafton, Ohio 44044, dated prior to January 1991					
	S	Advertisement, <u>Blade Trade Magazine</u> , published by American Blade, Inc., Chattanooga, TN 37421, pg. 47, Winter 1989					

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